GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6151
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RAIL SLEEPER MANUFACTURING DEPOT
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to open a rail sleeper manufacturing depot and Ballast manufacturing depot at Kathua and Manwal respectively; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A tender for procurement of Broad Gauge Mono-block Concrete Sleepers for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 floated by the Railway Board has been opened on 14-3-2005. The tender provides for setting up 10 new concrete sleeper plants in six Zonal Railways viz. East-Central Railway, Northern Railway, North-Eastern Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway, Southern Railway and South Western Railway. Kathua under Northern Railway is one of above mentioned 10 identified locations. Tender is under consideration.

As regard to Ballast manufacturing depot at Manwal-An Engineering siding has been made at the newly opened Manwal station. This siding is utilized for various Engineering material, including mega Ballast Depot for requirement of material in the section.